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For: Wavelet Analysis of One or More Time Domain Reflectometry (TDR) Signals to  
Determine One or More Characteristics of One or More Anomalies in a Wire

**DECLARATION OF KENDALL SCOTT WILLS**

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Dear Sir:

I, Kendall Scott Wills, hereby declare:

1. I am one of the named inventors in this patent application.
2. I have been employed by Texas Instruments Incorporated, in Dallas, Texas, since at least as early as May 12, 2003.
3. On information and belief, Exhibit A to this Declaration is a copy of pages of an engineering notebook prepared by Michael Dockins, also one of the named inventors in this patent application, during his employment at Texas Instruments Incorporated. This engineering notebook describes a project that Michael Dockins worked on with me during his employment at Texas Instruments Incorporated, in the United States, in the summer of 2002. This work was performed by us at least as early as May 12, 2003.

4. Pages 14 and 15 of Exhibit A describe the concept of time domain reflectometry (TDR) and the capability of TDR to locate circuit features physically. Page 15 also describes our idea that "Comparative TDR", which uses multiple TDR waveforms of objects with known circuit features, and which compares TDR waveforms of unknown circuit features, with the similarities and differences providing information about the circuitry associated with the unknown waveforms. These pages of the engineering notebook were prepared by Michael Dockins in the United States at least as early as May 12, 2003.

5. Pages 40 through 45 of Exhibit A describe our conception of the idea of using a wavelet transform (WT) in TDR. As described on page 40, the wavelet transform allows both time and frequency resolution to be changed based on the frequencies being examined; this property can be used to overcome limitations of conventional TDR. These pages of the engineering notebook were prepared by Michael Dockins in the United States at least as early as May 12, 2003.

6. Pages 54 through 59 of Exhibit A describe our idea that anomalies of packaged integrated circuit devices can be identified by calculating wavelet power spectra using wavelet transforms, and by then comparing the wavelet analysis results among different integrated circuit devices to determine similarities. These pages of the engineering notebook were prepared by Michael Dockins in the United States at least as early as May 12, 2003.

7. Pages 61 through 65 of Exhibit A describe a successful experiment in analyzing actual integrated circuit devices according to this technique. Pages 68 and 69 of Exhibit A describe the system and software used to perform this experiment. Page 64 illustrates instantaneous power spectra of wavelet transforms of signals applied to a integrated circuit device under test and to reference devices. In each case, these instantaneous power spectra are shown as a function of time from the launch of a time domain reflectivity (TDR) signal, with the density of each plotted point representing the power at the corresponding time and frequency values. As described in those pages, the integrated circuit device under test showed a failure in the connection between a solder bump connection and its die prior to stress ("pre-stress"). The measured instantaneous power spectrum of the wavelet transform for the device under test, pre-

stress (in its failed condition), which is shown in the upper left of page 64, resembled the instantaneous power spectrum shown in the upper right of page 64 for a reference package with no die (which would provide a similar electrical characteristic to a bump-to-die connection failure). After stressing of the device under test and the resulting recovery of that connection failure, the instantaneous power spectrum of the wavelet transform of the device under test, shown in the lower left of page 64, resembled that of a known good device, shown in the lower right of page 64. This experiment was performed in the United States at least as early as May 12, 2003, and these pages of the engineering notebook were prepared by Michael Dockins in the United States at least as early as May 12, 2003.

8. Pages 72 and 73 of Exhibit A describe conclusions from our experiment, in that the wavelet transform technique allows time-frequency analysis of TDR signals, which is useful in identifying circuit and defect properties. These pages of the engineering notebook were prepared by Michael Dockins in the United States at least as early as May 12, 2003.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



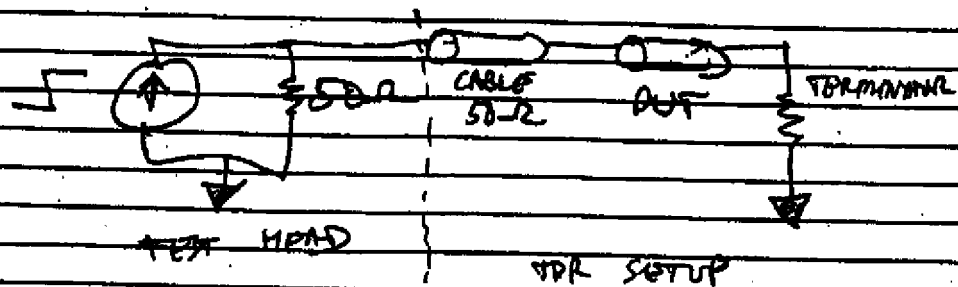
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# EXHIBIT A

PROJECT BACKGROUNDTIME DOMAIN REFLECTOMETRY (TDR)

A TDR SYSTEM CONSISTS OF AN OSCILLOSCOPE  
A STEP FUNCTION GENERATOR, A WIDE-BANDWIDTH  
SAMPLER AND A DUAL-TIPPED PROBE



THE FUNCTION GENERATOR IN THE TEST HEAD  
PRODUCES A FAST RISE TIME STEP SIGNAL, THE  
RISE TIME OF THE SIGNAL DIRECTLY AFFECTS THE  
RESOLUTION OF TDR

$$\delta_{\text{RES}} = \frac{C_{\text{CABLE}}}{\sqrt{C}} \frac{t_{\text{rise}}}{2}$$

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TDR RESOLUTION

AT ANY IMPEDANCE BOUNDARY, A PORTION OF  
THE ~~INCOMING~~ SIGNAL IS REFLECTED & THE  
REST TRANSMITTED. TDR MEASURES THE  
REFLECTED SIGNAL PORTIONS AS THEY RETURN  
TO THE SAMPLER PORTION OF THE TEST HEAD

WHEN A SHUNT CAPACITOR IS ENCOUNTERED, THE REFLECTED  
TDR SIGNAL SHOWS A VOLTAGE DIP BECAUSE THE  
CAPACITOR MUST CHARGE FROM THE INITIAL POTENTIAL  
TO THE POTENTIAL OF THE INCIDENT WAVEFORM

WHEN A SERIES ~~INDUCTOR~~ INDUCTOR IS ENCOUNTERED, THE REFLECTED  
TDR SIGNAL SHOWS A VOLTAGE SPIKE. THE  
CURRENT THROUGH THE INDUCTOR CAN'T CHANGE AS  
FAST AS THE SIGNAL TRIES TO DRIVE IT, SO THE  
FRONT-END VOLTAGE INCREASES TO COMPENSATE

ADVANTAGES OF TDR

- ① PROVIDES INFORMATION ABOUT ~~THE~~ CIRCUITS INTERIAL TO SEMICONDUCTOR PACKAGING
- ② CAN BE USED TO LOCATE CIRCUIT FEATURES TEMPORALLY
- ③ DATA ACQUISITION AND INTERPRETATION IS QUICK
- ④ COMPARATIVE TDR CAN BE USED TO LOCATE CIRCUIT FEATURES PHYSICALLY

— COMPARATIVE TDR —

USES MULTIPLE TDR WAVEFORMS OF OBJECTS WITH KNOWN CIRCUIT FEATURES & COMPARES TO WAVEFORM OF UNKNOWN CIRCUIT FEATURES. SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES PROVIDE INFORMATION ABOUT THE UNKNOWN WAVEFORM'S ASSOCIATED CIRCUITRY

DISADVANTAGES OF TDR

- ① PROVIDES NO INFORMATION ABOUT THE CAUSE OF A FAILURE

E.G.: A SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSED BY A THICK COPPER WIRE APPEARS THE SAME AS A SHORT CIRCUIT CAUSED BY A THIN WIRE FILAMENT

- ② NOT USEFUL FOR MULTI-CHIP MODULES

THE WAVEFORMS RESULTING FROM MULTIPLE CIRCUIT PADS ARE CURRENTLY EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET

- ③ TDR PROVIDES ONLY TIME DOMAIN INFORMATION

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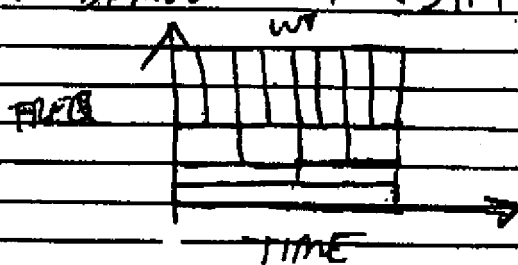
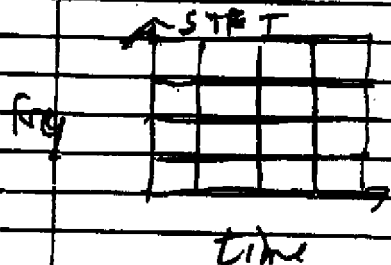
WAVELETS

THE NEXT T-F ANALYSIS METHOD CHOSEN WAS WAVELET ANALYSIS. WAVELET ANALYSIS IS A RELATIVELY NEW TECHNIQUE, AT LEAST FOR WIDESPREAD APPLICATION.

THE WAVELET TRANSFORM<sup>(wa)</sup> CAN OVERCOME ONE OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE STFT & OTHER FT-BASED APPROACHES. WITH FT-BASED APPROACHES A SINGLE FREQUENCY RESOLUTION MUST BE CHOSEN FOR ALL FREQUENCY BANDS. A HIGH RESOLUTION IN FREQUENCY RESULTS IN LOW TIME RESOLUTION. HIGH FREQUENCIES NEED GOOD TIME RESOLUTION TO BE DETECTED AND CHARACTERIZED WELL. LOWER FREQUENCIES NEED BETTER FREQ. LOCALIZATION, BUT NOT AS HIGH A TIME RESOLUTION. AS SUCH, FT-BASED APPROACHES ARE OPTIMIZED (USUALLY) FOR DETECTING CERTAIN CHARACTERISTICS.

THE WT ALLOWS THE TIME & FREQUENCY RESOLUTION TO CHANGE, BASED ON THE FREQUENCIES BEING EXAMINED. HIGH FREQUENCIES GET HIGH ~~TIME~~ RES. & LOWER FREQ RES. LOW FREQUENCIES GET HIGHER FREQ RES AND LOWER TIME RES.

THE WT DOES NOT OVERCOME THE HEISENBERG INEQUALITY. THE HEISENBERG BOXES SHOW THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN WT & STFT



ALL OF THE HEISENBERG BOXES HAVE THE SAME AREA (THE MINIMUM RESOLUTION BASED ON UNCERTAINTY). WITH THE WT, THE SHAPE OF THE BOX IS MODIFIED.

THE WAVELET TRANSFORM IS EXPRESSED AS

$$W(a, b) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x(t) \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}} \psi\left(\frac{t-b}{a}\right) dt$$

where  $a$  is the scale

$b$  is the

translation

$\psi$  is the

mother wavelet

The mother wavelet is the absolutely integrable function that is used as a basis for REPRESENTING THE FUNCTION. THE SCALE IS THE DILATION FACTOR THAT COMPRESSES OR STRETCHES THE WAVELET, THE TRANSLATION IS THE FACTOR THAT MOVES THE MOTHER WAVELET ALONG THE TIME AXIS.

THE WT USES THE MOTHER <sup>WAVELET</sup> AS A BASIS FOR REPRESENTING THE FUNCTION, JUST LIKE THE FT USES COMPLEX EXPONENTIALS (SIN & COS) TO REPRESENT THE SIGNAL.

SCALE IS RELATED TO FREQUENCY BUT THEY ARE NOT DIRECTLY PROPORTIONAL. SCALE IS RELATED TO A FREQUENCY BAND (FREQ SIZE OF HET-BOX) RATHER THAN A SPECIFIC FREQ. ADDITIONALLY NOT ALL WAVELETS HAVE TRUE FREQUENCIES LIKE SINE/COS WAVES. BECAUSE OF THIS CENTER FREQUENCIES ARE USED TO GIVE APPROXIMATE FREQ REPRESENTATIONS FOR SCALE.

$$\omega_{\text{scale}} = \frac{\Delta \omega_c}{a}$$

HIGH SCALE  $\rightarrow$  LOW F  
LOW SCALE  $\rightarrow$  HIGH F

where  $a$  is scale

$\Delta t$  is sampling period

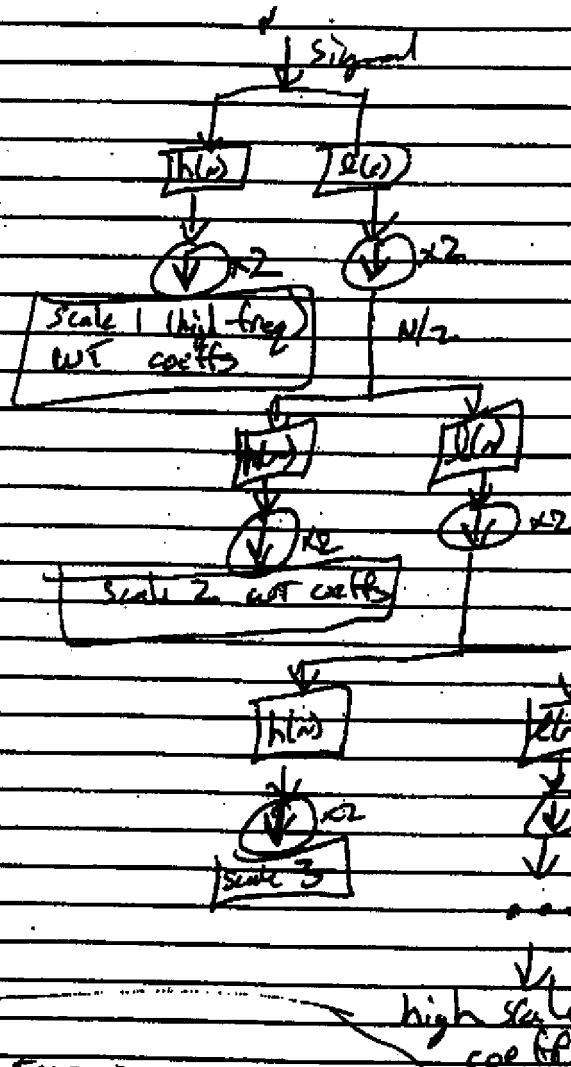
$\omega_c$  is the center frequency of the mother wavelet.

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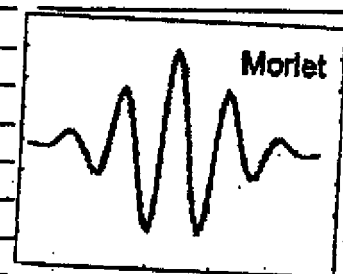


Sub-band coding was used to implement the WT. The following diagram explains SBC.



$h(u)$  - high-pass filter  
 $l(u)$  - low-pass filter  
 $\downarrow \times 2$  = downsample

WAVELET EXAMPLE



THE FILTER COEFFICIENTS CAN BE OBTAINED USING THE DILATION EQUATION

$$\phi(x) = \sum_{k=0}^N C_k \phi(2x-k)$$

where the  $C_k$  are the coefficients for the high pass filter. THE WAVELET COEFFICIENTS EQUATION GIVES THE LOW PASS COEFFS

$$\psi(x) = \sum_{k=-N}^N (-1)^k C_{1-k} \phi(2x-k)$$

THE FIRST WAVELET TRANSFORM ~~WAS~~ WRITTEN ~~WAS~~  
USED THE HAAR WAVELET

Haar 4

HAAR WAVELET

THE HAAR WAVELET IS THE MOST SIMPLE AND  
EASY. CAN BE CALCULATED BY HAND EASILY  
FOR CODE VERIFICATION PURPOSES. I THOUGHT  
THE HAAR WAVELET MIGHT BE A GOOD BASIS  
FOR THE TDR SIGNALS, WHOSE SHAPE RESEMBLES  
THE STEP FUNCTION. HANDWRITING IS THE CODE

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function [coeffs, numScales] = haarDWT(data);

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% [coeffs, numScales] = haarDWT(data);

% calculates the wavelet coefficients using haar wavelet

% INPUT:

% data: sample signal data

% OUTPUT:

% coeffs: the wavelet coefficients calculated

% numScales: the number of scales down

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% Created: 22 July 2002

% Date

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% Change

% Modified by

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% Michael Dockins

% 21 Aug 11:10

% on Michael Dockins

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% Commented w/ly. for wavelet coeff calculation

% Implemented sub-band coding through convolug

% Changed matrix rejection to nested if

% Orient data vector correctly (row vector)  
% reject data if a matrix instead of a vector% [numRows, numCols] = size(data);  
size = numCols;% if (numRows==1)  
if (numCols==1)  
error('This function currently works only on vectors, not matrices')

% end

% if (numRows == 1)  
size = numRows;  
data = data';  
end% clear numRows;  
clear numCols;% if ((log2(size)-floor(log2(size)))~=0)  
% a power of two  
error('Data length must be a power of 2');

% Note: if data length

% create coefficients

% NOTE: all multiplied by sqrt(2) to allow for reversal of filtering (i.e.  
% versus WT)% scaling function coefficients  
h0 = 1/sqrt(2);  
h1 = h0;% wavelet function coefficients  
g0 = -h0;  
g1 = h0;% filters for sub-band coding  
lowFilter = [h0 h1];  
highFilter = [g0 g1];SIGNATURE   
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coeffs = [];
coefficients

myData = data;
gh filter bank

for lvl=1:1:numScales

    mySize=length(myData);
    % signal
    highParts=conv(highFilter,myData);
    lowParts=conv(lowFilter,myData);

    highParts=highParts(2:2:mySize);
    lowParts=lowParts(2:2:mySize);

    coeffs = [highParts coeffs];
    coefficients

    myData = lowParts;
    coefficients to the next level

end

coeffs = [myData coeffs];
has coefficients
coeffs = flipr(coeffs);
% so the low-scale coefficients appear first

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number of scales to go

matrix to hold the coeffs

signal to pass through

at each scale

target length of current

high-pass filter it

low-pass filter it

down-sample by 2

store the high-pass

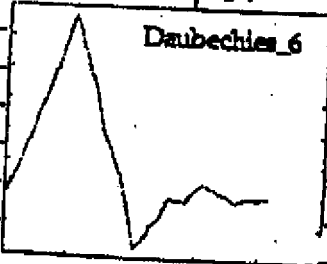
append the low-pass go

store the last lowpass

flip the coefficients

THE SECOND WAVELET FAMILY IMPLEMENTED  
WAS DAUBECHIES. I CHOSE THE WAVELET  
WITH 4 VANISHING MOMENTS. THIS WAVELET  
IS VERY POPULAR FOR GENERAL USE & DETECTS  
DISCONTINUITIES WELL. DAUB4 DWT.M IS THE CODE

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```
function (coeffs, numScales) = Daube4DWT (inVecN);
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```
%[coeffs, numScales] = DeubtDWT(dnts);
```

• Isolates the wavelet coefficients using:  $\text{lsimhauchian D4 wavelet}$ .

### INPUT

```
data: sample signal data
```

**OUTPUT:**

coeffs: the wavelet coefficients calculated

**numScales:** The number of scales used

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July	Michael	15:25	Added comments
July	Michael	10:50	Moved printing to its own function
July	Michael	14:10	Added help comments

**Michael Dockins**

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**Michael Docking**

Changed matrix rejection to needed if

- Variant data vector correctly (row vector)
- Project data if a matrix instead of a vector

```
(numRows, numCols) = size(data);
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.size = numCols;
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2.2 (continued - see 2.1)  
 2.2.1 - 2.2.2

THE WT(Haar) SHOWS A LOW FREQUENCY SIGNAL PRESENT THROUGHOUT THE DURATION OF THE SIGNAL. (ONE SCALE IS CONSTANT) THE Haar wavelet is a step function so it is an EXCELLENT BASIS AND PROVIDES PRECISE RESULTS.

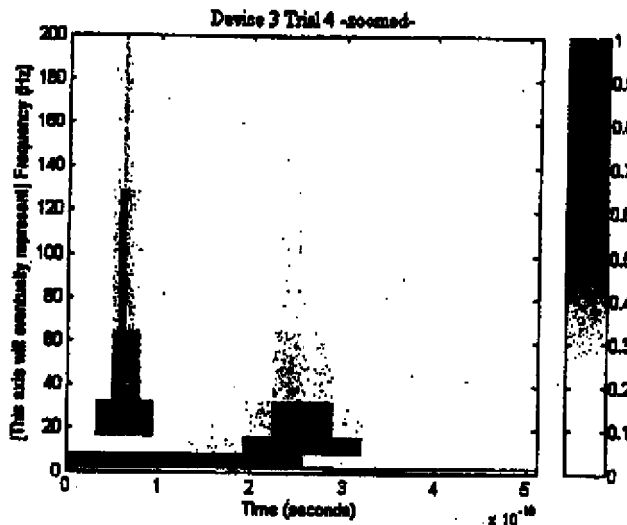
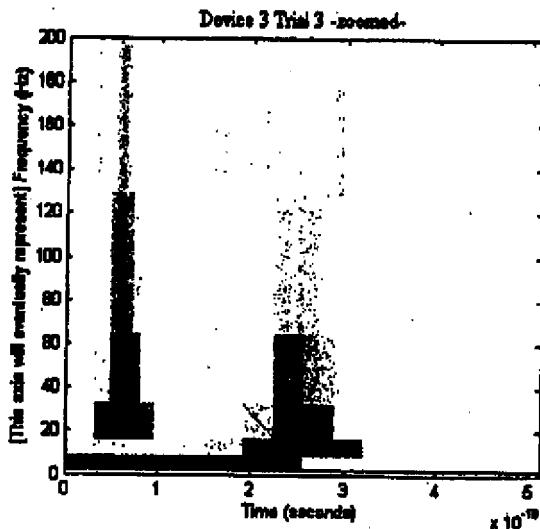
THE WT(DAB) SHOWS A LOW FREQ SIGNAL IN THE SAME SCALE AS THE Haar wavelet. THE DAB wavelet also shows high frequency components where the step function transitions from high to low. IF OUR GOAL IS TO DETECT SHARP TRANSITIONS DAB MIGHT WORK BETTER THAN Haar.

FOR THE STEP FUNCTION THE Haar wavelet - based WT PRODUCED THE BEST RESULTS. FOR THIS REASON, IT MAY BE LIKELY THE HAAR WAVELET WILL BE THE BEST CHOICE FOR ANALYZING TDR SIGNALS.

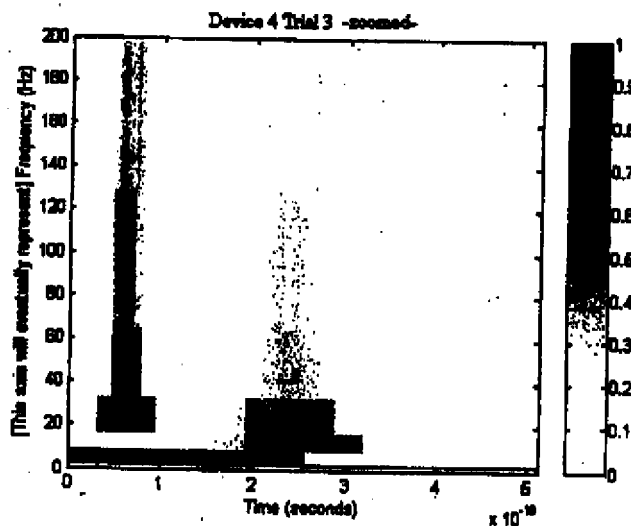
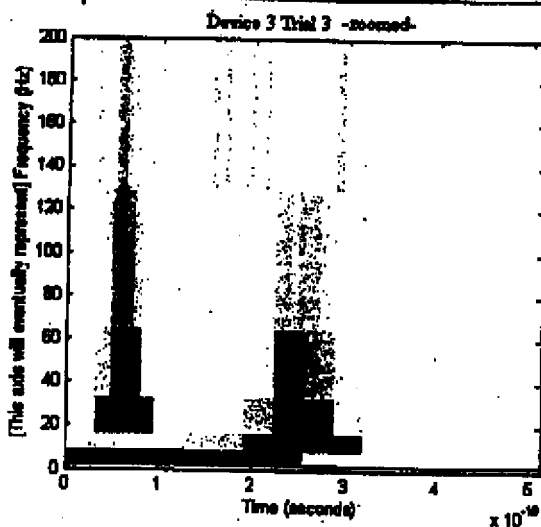
BECAUSE THE TDR SIGNAL IS NOT EXACTLY A STEP FUNCTION, BOTH wavelets will BE USED TO ANALYZE TDR SIGNALS.

# HAAR ANALYSIS

THE WT USING THE HAAR WAVELET WAS TESTED ON TWO TRIALS OF UNIT 3 (NO DIF). THE RESULTS WERE VISUALLY SIMILAR. THE WT (HAAR) IS REPEATABLE FOR TDR SIGNALS



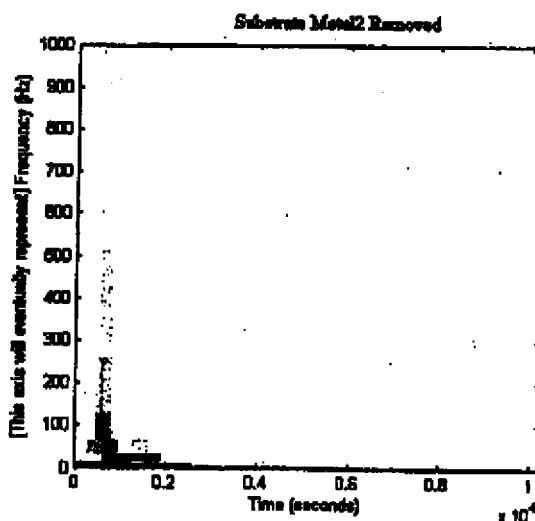
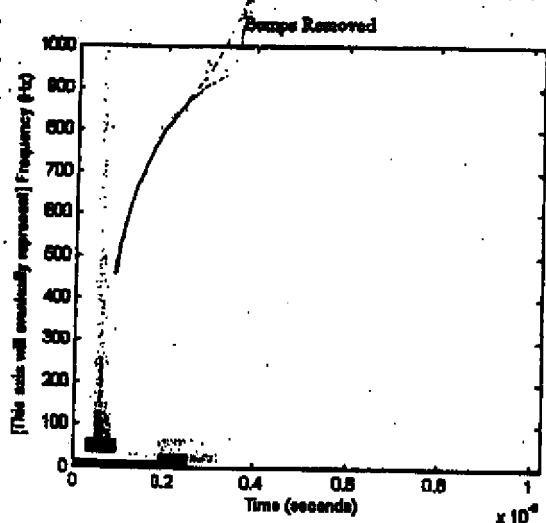
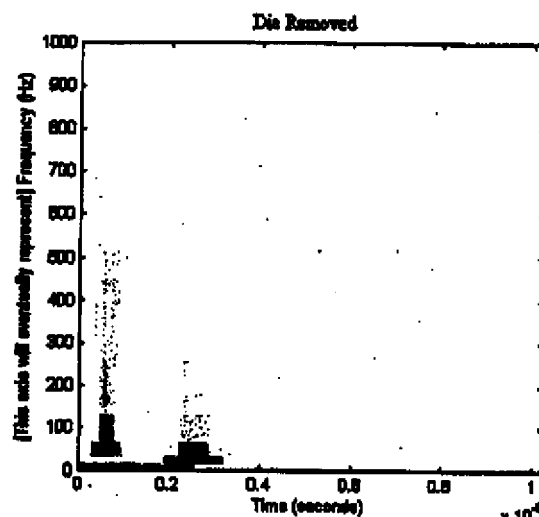
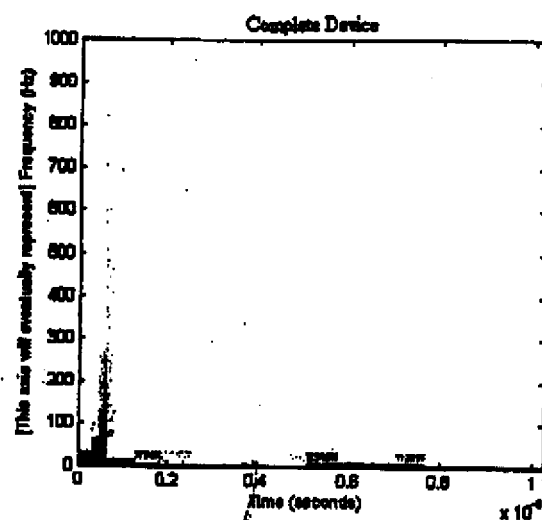
THE WT (HAAR) WAS ALSO USED IN TWO SIMILAR UNITS (4 & 5) WITH THEIR DIF REMOVED. THE RESULTS WERE VISUALLY SIMILAR. THE WT (HAAR) IS CONSISTENT



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THE WT(HAAR) WAS THEN USED ON UNITS  
IN ALL FOUR STATES PREPARED  
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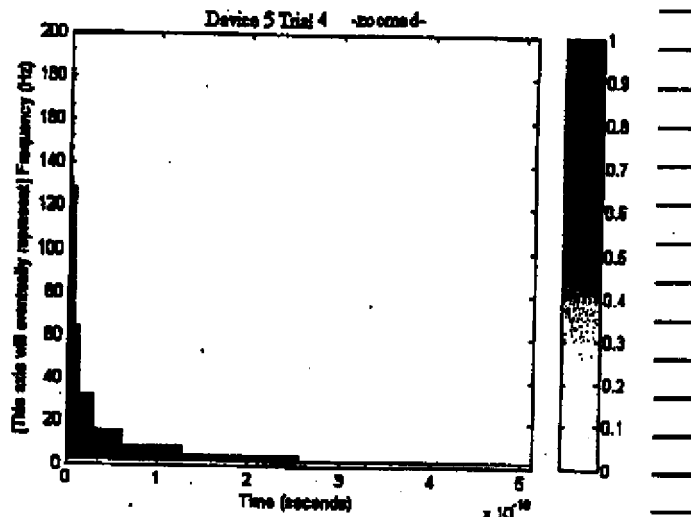
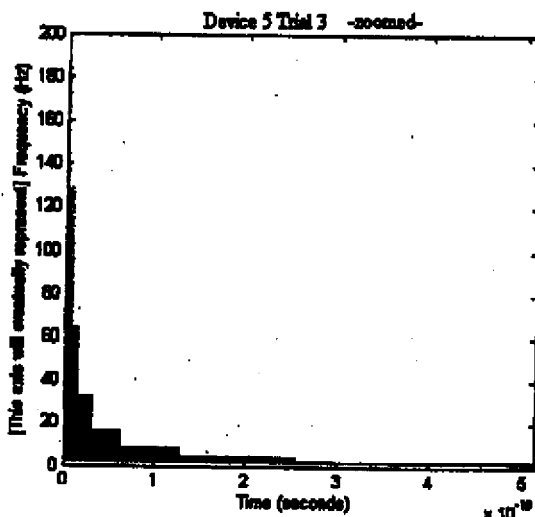
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THE WT (HAAR) SHOWS PROGRESSION; THERE  
ARE VISIBLE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN UNITS  
IN DIFFERENT STATES.

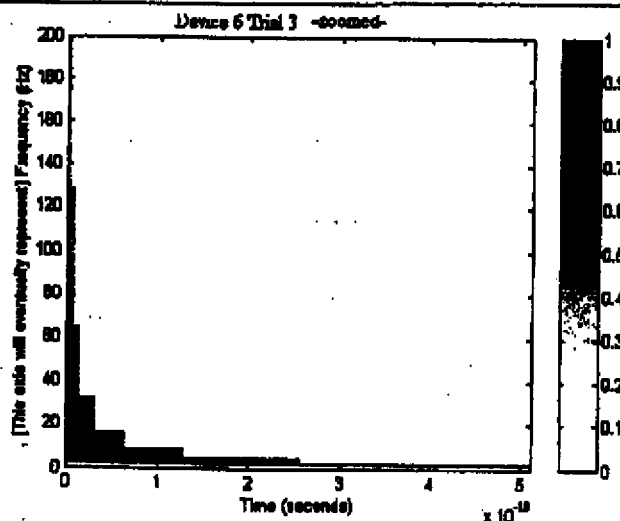
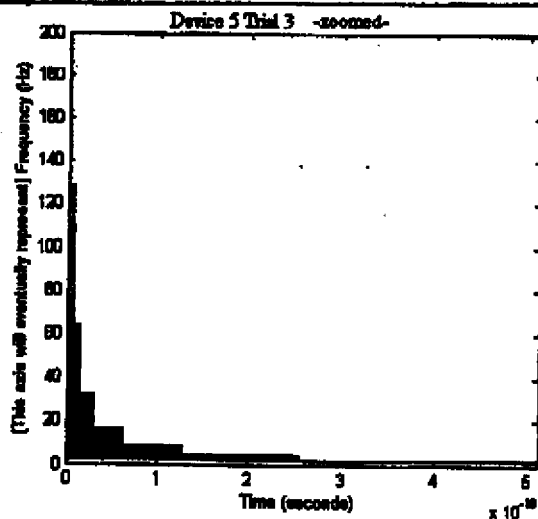
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THE WT USING THE DANIELS WAVELET WAS TESTED ON TWO TRIALS OF UNIT 5 (NO DIE OR BUMPS). THE RESULTS WERE VISUALLY SIMILAR. THE WT(DAVB) IS REPRESENTATIVE FOR TDR SIGNALS



THE WT(DAVB) WAS ALSO USED IN TWO SIMILAR UNITS (5/6) W/ BURN DIE & BUMPS REMOVED. THE RESULTS WERE VISUALLY SIMILAR. THE WT(DAVB) IS CONSISTENT

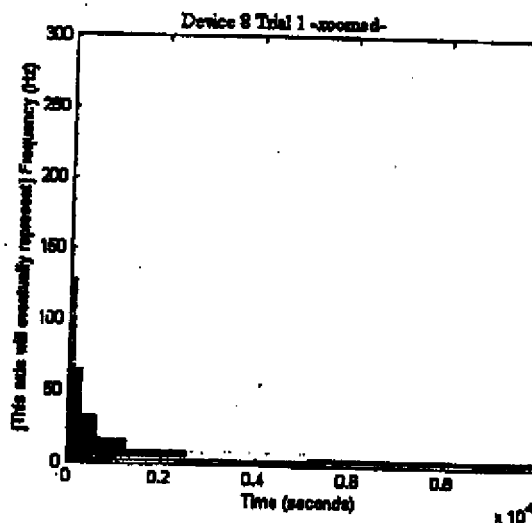
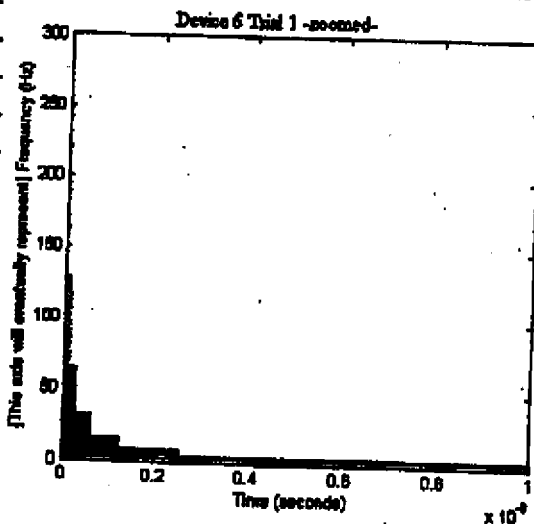
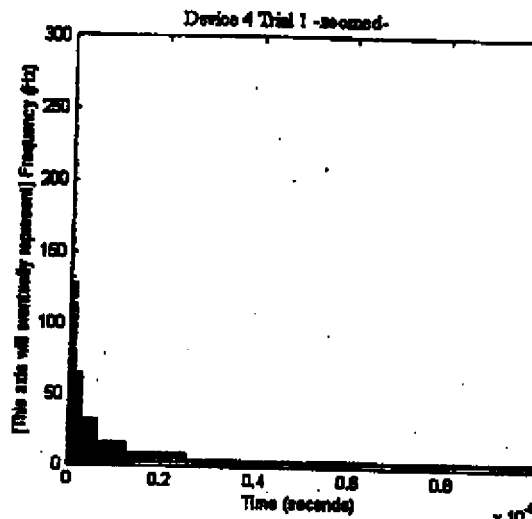
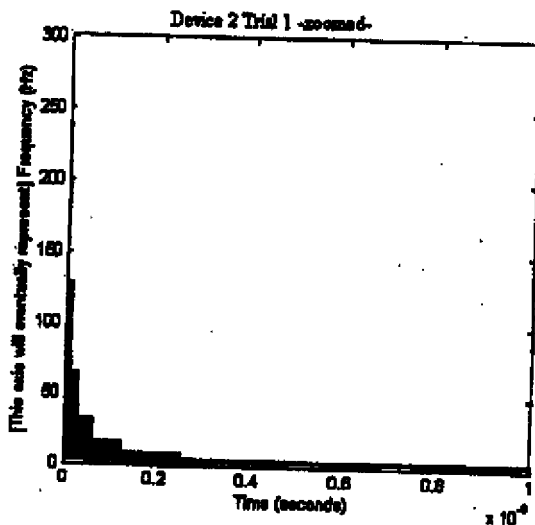


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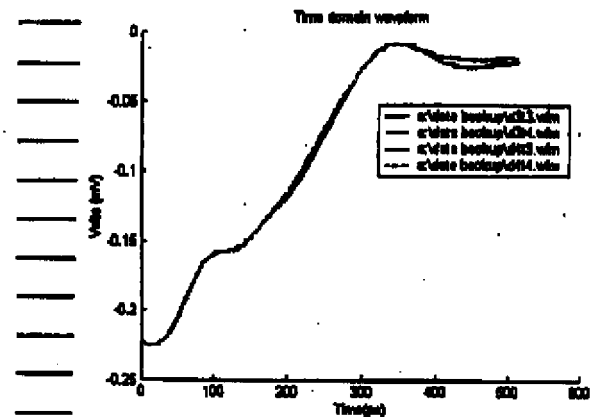
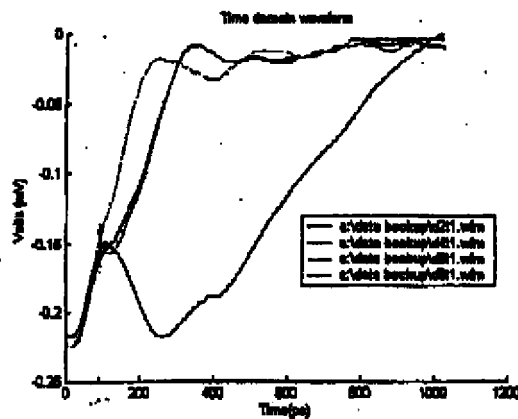


THE WT (DABY) WAS THEN USED ON UNITS IN  
ALL FOUR PREPARED STATES  
U2H, U4H, U6H, U8H



WT Using D4 Wavelets for Four Dissimilar Units

THE WT (DABY) SHOWS PROGRESSION BUT IT  
IS FAR LESS NOTICABLE THAN IN THE  
HAAR WT.

WT(HAAR) ANALYSIS

FROM ~~20-20~~ P2, THE TDR WAVEFORMS ARE IDENTICAL. THE ~~INITIAL~~ VOLTAGE DIP AT THE BEGINNING OF THE TDR SIGNAL IS THE RESULT PRIMARILY OF THE PROBE TIP CONTACTING THE UNIT.

AFTER THIS POINT, THERE ARE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE DEVICES, BUT THEY <sup>ARE</sup> VERY SLIGHT AND DIFFICULT TO INTERPRET, ESPECIALLY FOR UNITS WHERE CIRCUIT PATHS ARE NEARLY THE SAME LENGTH.

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A TECHNIQUE THAT WOULD EMPHASIZE THE DIFFERENCES WOULD AID COMPARATIVE TDR GREATLY AND COULD HELP BETTER ISOLATE DEFECTS.

SOLUTION

WAVELET ANALYSIS, ESPECIALLY USING HAAR WAVELETS, CAN BE USED TO HELP HIGHLIGHT THE DIFFERENCES. RELEASE THE HIGH FREQUENCIES WHICH ARE ASSOCIATED WITH THE ~~MAJOR~~ CHANGES OF THE WAVEFORM, CAN BE COMPARED BETWEEN UNITS TO DETERMINE IF THEY EXHIBIT SIMILAR CHANGES.

THE HAAR WT IS ALSO VERY USEFUL AT IDENTIFYING THE RESISTIVE (FLAT TDR SIGNAL) AREAS IN THE SIGNAL. THESE AREAS EXHIBIT ONLY LOW FREQUENCIES AND CAN BE EASILY IDENTIFIED USING THE HAAR WAVELET AS A BASIS.

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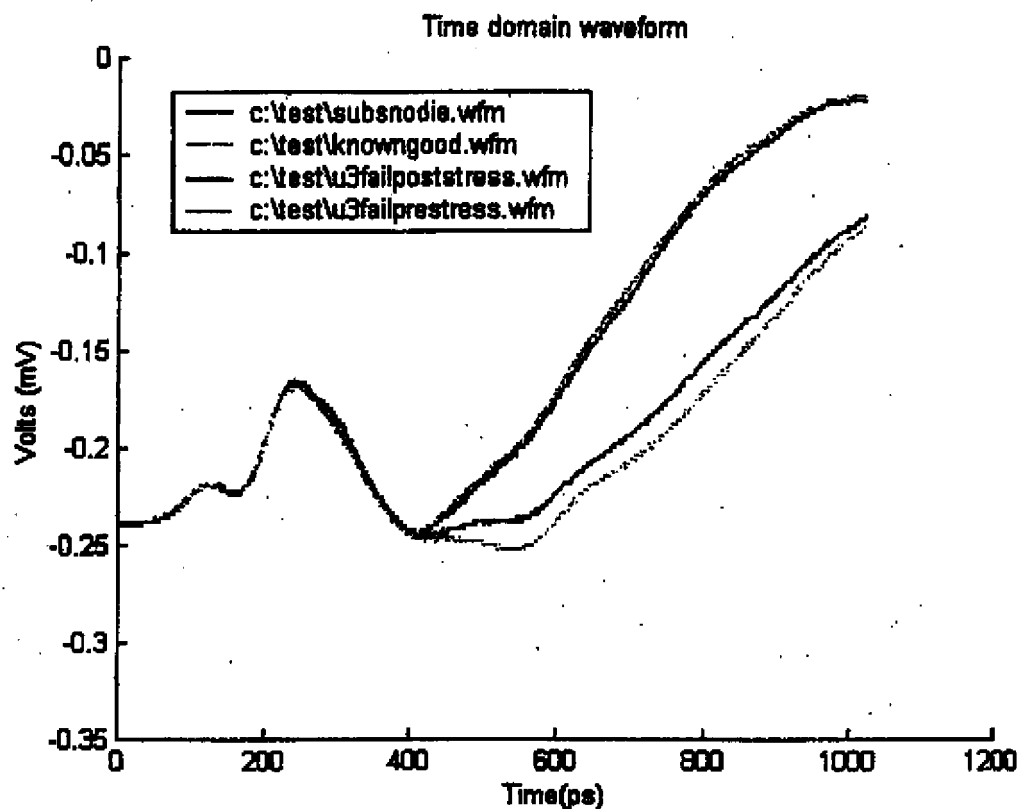
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THE WT (HARR) WAS USED ON A SERIES OF TDR WAVEFORMS ACQUIRED BY OMAR DIAZ OR LEON FOR COMPARATIVE TDR. THE DEVICE ORIGINALLY SHOWED TO HAVE A FAILURE AT THE BUMP-TV-DIE INTERFACE.

AFTER STRESSING THE UNIT ELECTRICALLY THE UNIT RECOVERED & ITS NEW SIGNATURE RESEMBLED THAT OF A GOOD UNIT



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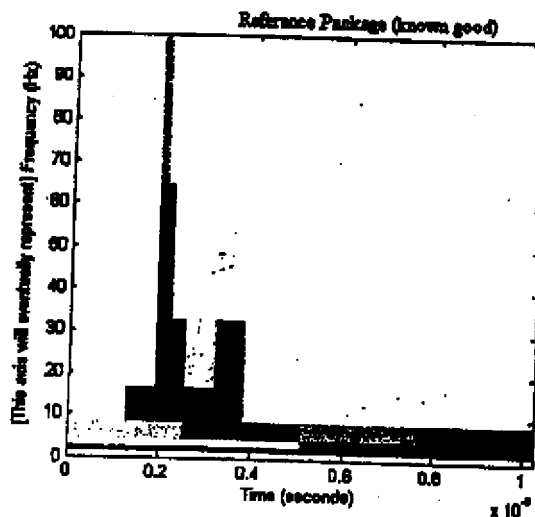
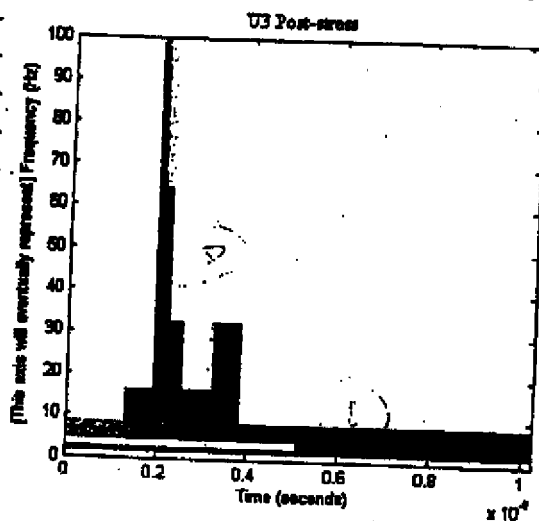
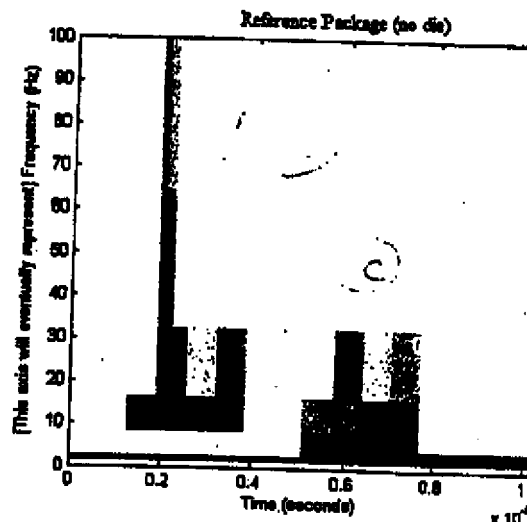
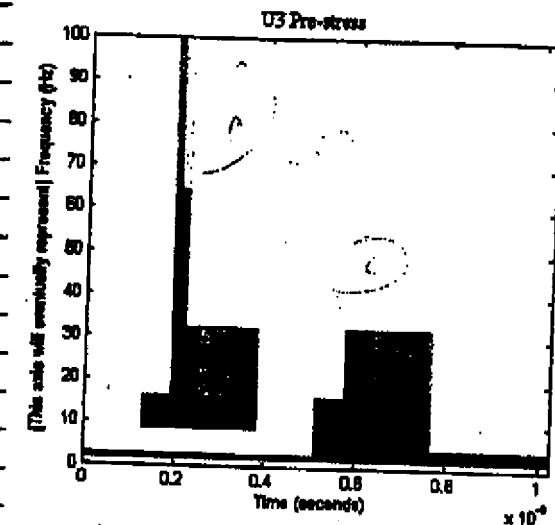
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WT(HAAR) ANALYSIS FOR RECOVERED UNIT



### WT using Haar wavelets for Four Dissimilar Test Units

AS INDICATED IN THE TIME DOMAIN, PRESTRESS RESEMBLES NOISE GREATLY, AS POST-STRESS DOES KNOWN GOOD

BOTH REFERENCE PACKAGES EXHIBIT SHARPER TIME TRANSITIONS THAN THE TESTED UNIT. THE W-BLOCKS MOVE FROM ONE COLOR TO THE NEXT & STAY THERE FOR A FEW BLOCKS WHILE THE TESTED UNIT'S CHANGE COLOR AT EACH BOX, BUT BY SMALLER INCREMENTS

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THE WAVELET TRANSFORM SHOWS PROMISE  
IN HELPING TO DIFFERENTIATE BETWEEN  
TDR WAVEFORMS AND MAY BE HELPFUL IN  
FINDING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE WAVEFORMS.

NO DOCUMENTATION FOR USING WAVELETS  
TO HELP DIFFERENTIATE SIGNALS WAS FOUND  
IN MY RESEARCH. <sup>USING</sup>

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EQUIPMENT USED:

HARDWARE:

COMMON PC

TEKTRONIX 11801C DIGITAL SAMPLING OSCILLOSCOPE

TEKTRONIX SD-24 20 GHz TDR SAMPLING HEAD

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS PCI-6015 INTERFACE BOARD

NATIONAL INSTRUMENTS 486.200 (WIN95)

SOFTWARE: TDA SYSTEMS ICONNECT 1.5

MATHWORKS MATLAB R12.1

PROBE:

T1 CALIBRATION LAB - CREATED 50.2 DUAL TIP PROBE

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WAVELET SOFTWARE TOOLS EVALUATED:

RICE WAVELET TOOLBOX

<http://www.dsp.rice.edu/software/rwt.shtml>

WAVELAB 802 (STANFORD UNIVERSITY)

<http://www-stat.stanford.edu/~wavelet/>

WAVELET TOOLS FROM UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO'S  
PROGRAM IN ATMOSPHERIC & OCEANIC SCIENCES

<http://paos.colorado.edu/research/wavelets>

UVI WAVE 3 (UNIVERSITY OF VILGO)

[http://cas.e.nsmf.fr/~chaplais/UVI\\_WAVE/ABOUT\\_UVI\\_WAVE.htm](http://cas.e.nsmf.fr/~chaplais/UVI_WAVE/ABOUT_UVI_WAVE.htm)

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SOLUTIONS FOUND:

THE WAVELET TRANSFORM CAN BE USED TO REPRESENT AND VISUALIZE TDR WAVEFORMS IN A DIFFERENT MANNER. THE WT AIDS IN DETERMINING BOTH WHAT WAVEFORM FEATURES OCCUR AND WHEN THEY OCCUR. BY SEPARATING HIGH & LOW FREQUENCIES, FEATURES MAY BE MORE EASILY OBSERVED.

BY SEPARATING HIGH & LOW FREQUENCIES AND LOCATING THEM TEMPORALLY, THE WT CAN ALLOW FOR EASIER COMPARISON OF WAVEFORMS THAN TDR.

THE WT CAN BE USED TO IDENTIFY FREQUENCY COMPONENTS PRESENT IN A TDR SIGNAL AS WELL AS WHEN THE COMPONENTS ARE PRESENT. THIS ALLOWS TIME-FREQUENCY ANALYSIS TO BE PERFORMED ON TDR SIGNALS. THE FREQUENCY INFORMATION MAY BE USEFUL IN IDENTIFYING CIRCUIT AND DEFECT PROPERTIES.

THE STFT IS USED

COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE SOFTWARE CURRENTLY PROVIDES FFT & S-PARAMETER FUNCTIONALITY. NO TIME-FREQUENCY ANALYSIS TOOLS ARE KNOWN TO BE AVAILABLE.

NO MENTION OF THE STFT, WVD OR WT WAS FOUND IN RESEARCHING TDR. IT DOES NOT APPEAR AS THOUGH THE TIME-FREQUENCY ANALYSIS IS CURRENTLY APPLIED TO TDR WAVEFORMS.

NO MENTION OF THE STFT, WVD OR WT WAS FOUND IN FAILURE ANALYSIS PUBLICATIONS. IT DOES NOT APPEAR AS THOUGH T-F ANALYSIS IS CURRENTLY APPLIED IN FA.

FREQUENCY ANALYSIS THROUGH THE FFT IS USED OF AVAILABLE FOR TDR & FA.

BY USING THE FFT FOR ANALYSIS, THE  
TEMPORAL INFORMATION IS COMPLETELY LOST. THE  
IDR SIGNAL IS NON-STATIONARY AND THE  
TIMES DURING WHICH FREQUENCY COMPONENTS  
ARE PRESENT ARE CRITICAL FOR  
ANALYSIS.

BY USING THE WT, FREQUENCY COMPONENTS  
CAN BE ISOLATED AND ASSOCIATED  
WITH SPECIFIC CIRCUIT COMPONENTS RATHER  
THAN JUST THE CIRCUIT AS A WHOLE.

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